

**PRC 17/45/285a Will of Thomas Kempe Yeoman of Chartham dated 1<sup>st</sup> April 1584 who died and is buried at St. Mary Chartham on 5<sup>th</sup> April 1584 and whose Will was proved 23<sup>rd</sup> May 1584**

In the name of god amen the firste daye of Aprill in the xxvj<sup>th</sup> yeare of the raigne of our Sovraigne Ladge Elizabeth by the Grace of God of England ffrances and Ireland queene defender of the faithe Anno 1584

I **Thomas Kempe** of Chartham in the Countie of Kent Yeoman beinge sicke of Bodye but of p'fect memory praised be god doe make this my last will and testamente in forme as followeth

ffirst I bequethe my Soule into the handes of god and my bodie to the ground from whence it had his beginninge there to contynue untill the cominge of christe into Judgement at which time I beleve that my bodie soule beinge reigned together I shall enjoye god his kingdome onlie by christe

Item I give father daye xi<sup>d</sup>

Item I give to Cullin his wife xi<sup>d</sup>

Item I give to **Susan my daughter** xxx<sup>l</sup> of lawfull English money to be paid unto her by my Executor at the age of six yeares, and my will is that her mother havinge the kepinge of hir to have the use of the said money untill my child come to yeares And if it shall channce my said daughter to decease before the said age then I will her mother to have the said somme of xxx<sup>l</sup> except xx<sup>s</sup> oute of it which I will to the poore of Chartham

Item I will that if **Jone my wife** shall marry againe then that he which shall marry her doe first putt in sufficiente bonde to performe this my will and the legacie to my daughter bequethall and this to be done att the discretion of my overseers

All the rest of my goodes unbequethed my debtes paid and legacis perfrmed I give to Jone my wyfe whome I nyme [*name*] as executrix with Richard Woode and I ordaineas overseers of this my will and testamente **Edmunde Kempe** and Edmonde Clifford

These being Witnesses Richard Blengensope and Thomas Brincker ?

Probatum fuit: xxiiij day of May 1584

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Notes:

**Thomas Kempe** married Joan Clyfford 18<sup>th</sup> May 1579 at SS Peter & Paul, Boughton under Blean. **Daughter Susan Kempe** was christened 3 Jan 1580(1) at St. Dunstan, Canterbury and may have taken her step-father's surname, as no marriage or burial found as Kemp(e).

After Thomas's death, **Joane Kempe** re-married to William Shatwater on 15<sup>th</sup> December 1585 at St. Mary, Chartham.